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DECOLONIZATION PROCESS

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A TRIBUNA OF SEPTEMBER 19 FRONT-PAGED STATEMENT BY GERMAN
FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN BONN
PRAISING PORTUGAL'S DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. GENSCHER IS QUOTED AS
FOLLOWS:

"WE ADMIRE THE DETERMINATION AND COURAGE WITH WHICH
THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT INITIATED THIS UNDOUBTEDLY
PAINFUL PROCESS OF DIVESTING ITSELF OF ITS OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES WHICH WERE LINKED WITH PORTUGAL FOR CENTURIES."

" WE HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL IN THIS PROCESS,
BOTH BILATERALLY, AS WELL AS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE...
THIS GOVERNMENT FAVORS MEANS AND PROCESSES TO FREE OTHER
INVOLVED PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES TO MAKE POSSIBLE A PEACEFUL
AND AGREED TRANSFER OF POWER TO AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS,
WITHOUT DESTROYING THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL."
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